

Commissioners, Greetings, I have been a Radio Amateur in several different countries and my ham life commenced with the use of AM and CW. Simply stated, I feel that the petitioners are having difficulty in dealing with ANY A.M. signal on the high frequency bands, as there are many to include AM Broadcast stations that operate at bandwidth. I have learned over the years (trained) to ignore extraneous signals and concentrate on listening to the station of interest only. Again, simply stated, I feel that they can do so too. I recognize in this age that "comfort" and "convenience" are the by-words in our society and to achieve this it is often that "minority" groups such as a few hundred "AM'ers" may not be considered "not worthy" of consideration, I would challenge the petitioners that it is not new rulemaking that is needed, rather enforcement of existing bandwidth rules. It is my belief and experience that AM'ers regulate themselves well, particularly on the E.Coast. (I cannot comment on the West coast) To this end, why create new rules? I do not believe there is a real problem here other than the classic "clash" of two different cultures.."SSB" versus "AM" and it is my belief the Commissioners should not concern themselves in an area where regulation will not solve these cultural differences.

Finally, Let me point out that this is not simply a "transmission problem" if the rule becomes "law" it will also impact negatively on the receiving apparatus too, creating the need to extraneously modify (particularly) older equipment that WAS NOT DESIGNED for narrower bandwidths. Ladies and Gentlemen this is just a storm in a teacup! Thank you, Tony Grogan. WA4MRR